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TO USIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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USINFO ALSO FOR VOA NEWSROOM

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BANGKOK FOR HEDGES

BANGKOK AND SAIGON FOR VOA CORRESPONDENTS

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CAMBODIAN SITUATIONER

1) A CONVOY OF EIGHT SHIPS ARRIVED IN PHNOM PENH ON TUESDAY FROM SOUTH VIETNAM. THE CARGO INCLUDED 4,800 TONS OF RICE, AS WELL AS PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. PLANES OF THE KHMER AIR FORCE FLEW PROTECTIVE MISSIONS WHILE THE CONVOY TRAVELED UP THE MEKONG RIVER. TWO INSTANCES OF ENEMY FIRE WERE REPORTED, BUT THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE SHIPS AND NO CASUALTIES.

2) AT TAKEO, GOVERNMENT FORCES WERE SUCCESSFUL IN EXPANDING THE SOUTHERN DEFENSE PERIMETER ON TUESDAY. THE ENEMY ATTACKED THE NORTHERN PERIMETER WITH ARTILLERY, AND TWO ENGAGEMENTS WITH ENEMY FORCES RESULTED IN LIGHT CASUALTIES FOR GOVERNMENT TROOPS.

3) FIGHTING CONTINUES ON NATIONAL ROUTE FIVE AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS BETWEEN PHNOM PENH AND KOMPONG CHHNANG. GOVERNMENT FORCES
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ARE ATTEMPTING TO CLEAR THE HIGHWAY, WHICH LEADS TO BATTAMBANG.

4) EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING ENEMY FORCES ENTERED A VILLAGE ON
THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG, 12 TO 14 KILOMETERS
NORTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH. THEY SET FIRE TO THE VILLAGE AND
WITHDREW. ONE CIVILIAN WAS WOUNDED.

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